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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.121)**

Sir:

In a Notice dated July 31, 2007, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) indicated that applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed June 12, 2007, was incomplete and had no signature. That RCE, however, was complete and was signed by applicants' attorneys.

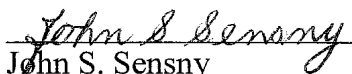
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated July 31, 2007, attached is a copy of the previously filed RCE, along with the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which were both timely filed electronically via the USPTO e-business website on June 12, 2007. As can be seen, the RCE is complete and applicants' attorneys signed the second page of the RCE.

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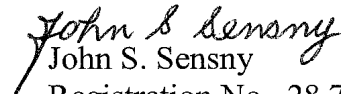
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Also attached is an Acknowledgement Receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office confirming that the RCE with the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 were timely filed on June 12, 2007 and the \$790 RCE fee was charged to IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM via RAM with Confirmation No. 2964.

This submission is believed to be timely and a complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 31, 2007. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated July 31, 2007, is also attached, as required.

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Enclosures: Copies of RCE and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on June 12, 2007; Copy of Acknowledgment Receipt for same; and copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated July 31, 2007, as required.